

## CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:  
acquisition means for acquiring predetermined  
content data composed of a plurality of access units which  
are reproduced by a predetermined reproduction device; and  
acquisition stop control means for monitoring, of  
time information included in each of said plurality of  
access units reproduced by said reproduction device, a  
recording time at which each of said plurality of access  
units was recorded and, if said recording time of a first  
access unit, from said plurality of access units, monitored  
this time is earlier than said recording time of a second  
access unit monitored temporally before said first access  
unit, stopping acquisition process of said content data.

2. The information processing apparatus according  
to claim 1, wherein said reproduction device is a digital  
video tape recorder;

said content data is recorded to a digital video  
tape loaded on said digital video tape recorder;

said information processing apparatus further  
comprising reproduction control means for controlling, in  
response to a request from said acquisition means, any of  
operations of reproduction, fast feeding, and rewinding  
said digital video tape loaded on said digital video tape

recorder and an operation of stopping any of said operations;

said acquisition means, if starting acquisition process of said content data, requests said reproduction control means for reproduction of said digital video tape loaded on said digital video tape recorder and, if acquisition process of said content data is stopped by said acquisition stop control means, requests said reproduction control means for stopping the requested reproduction.

3. The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, if acquiring said content data from a start position of said digital video tape loaded on said digital video tape recorder, said acquisition means requests, before starting acquisition of said content data, said reproduction control means for rewinding said digital video tape loaded on said digital video tape recorder to said start position and, when said digital video tape is found rewound to said start position by said reproduction control means, starts acquiring said content data.

4. A program for making a computer execute the steps of:

acquiring predetermined content data composed of a plurality of access units which are reproduced by a predetermined reproduction device; and

controlling acquiring stop for monitoring, of time information included in each of said plurality of access units reproduced by said predetermined reproduction device, a recording time at which each of said plurality of access units was recorded, and controlling to stop acquiring process of said content data acquired at said acquiring step, if, said recording time of a first access unit, from said plurality of access units, monitored this time is earlier than said recording time of a second access unit monitored temporally before said first access unit.

5. An information processing apparatus comprising:  
acquisition means for acquiring predetermined content data to be reproduced by a predetermined reproduction device; and

acquisition stop control means for monitoring the reproduction content by said reproduction device and, if said content data has not been reproduced for more than a predetermined period of time, controlling to stop the acquisition process of said content data by said acquisition means.

6. A program for making a computer execute the steps of:

acquiring predetermined content data to be reproduced by a predetermined reproduction device; and

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- monitoring the reproduction content by said  
reproduction device and, if said content data has not been  
reproduced for more than a predetermined period of time,  
controlling to stop the acquisition process of said content  
data by said acquisition means.

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